



THE VINEYARD

Surface of production for red:	40 ha (total surface: 50 ha)
Nature of the soil:	Gūnz gravel from the Quaternary period, on the plateau above the village of Martillac
Grape varieties:	55% Cabernet Sauvignon; 40% Merlot; 5% Petit Verdot
Pruning:	Double Guyot system for Cabernet Sauvignon, Cordon system for Merlot and Petit Verdot
Density of planting:	7,200 feet/ha
Average age of the vineyard:	25 years
Vineyard management:	Traditional methods with mechanical ploughing. Sustainable Vine Protection. Green harvesting by hand: desuckering, excess bud removal, leaf thinning, removal of secondary shoots.

PRESENTATION OF THE VINTAGE

The dawn of the 7th of April was too pure and will stay forever in the memory of the Bordeaux wine growers: a bitterly unexpected frost became very lethal. The principal victim was the Merlot delaying the start of its growth and its flowering. The “veraison” was slow but equal on all the red grape varieties, during a fresh but dry summer. The first soaked September days, worried us a lot. The miracle, or the divine surprise, took place during the second week, with the arrival of a nicely fresh but constant weather to go along with the harvests.

Harvest:

Plot by plot handpicking
From the 24th of September to the 9th of October

Vinification:

Alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated vats
Ageing: 16 months in French oak barrel
New barrels: 40%
Alcohol: 13%



TASTING

Blending:	55% Cabernet Sauvignon - 40% Merlot - 5% Petit Verdot
Bottling:	At the Château, in May 2010 – 12,200 cases
Distribution:	Place de Bordeaux

« The appearance is deep ruby. The nose is expressive and complex, revealing black and red fruits, such as blackcurrant and cherry. There are hints of smoke, spices, truffles and liquorice. In the mouth, there is a rich and well-balanced structure of velvety tannins and harmonious flavours. Again, one finds the notes from the nose of blackcurrant, spices and some liquorice, together with the minerality associated with the Graves. The finish is fresh. This 2008 vintage is a decidedly well-balanced and silky wine, with good ageing potential. »